

1 **WAGANAKISING ODAWA STATUTE**
2 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
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5 **SECTION I: SHORT TITLE, PURPOSE, AND DEFINITIONS**
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7 **A. SHORT TITLE:**
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9 This statute shall be entitled “Economic Development”.
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11 **B. PURPOSE:**
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13 This Economic Development statute shall provide a process on how recommendations
14 regarding economic development are ascertained; shall establish a Standing Committee of the
15 Tribal Council with duties and authority; shall provide for the ability of the Committee to
16 interact with the Executive Branch of Government on matters relating to economic development;
17 and, shall define such duties and authorities not explicitly enumerated in the LTBB Constitution
18 related to economic development.
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20 **C. DEFINITIONS:**
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22 As used in this statute:
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- 24 1. “Committee” shall mean the Tribal Council Economic Development Standing
25 Committee.
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27 2. “LTBB” means the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians or the Waganakising
28 Odawa.
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31 **SECTION II: CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL;**
32 **AUTHORITY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL**
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34 **A.** The Tribal Council has the following LTBB Constitutional powers regarding economic
35 development:

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- *To provide by statute for the management of any and all economic affairs and enterprises of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians that will further the economic development of the Tribe or its members. Such statutes will delegate management responsibilities to Tribally chartered corporations or other subordinate Tribal entities, or where appropriate, to the Executive Branch.*
- *Enact laws governing the issuance of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians charters of incorporation for economic or other purposes, and to regulate the activities of these corporations.*
- *(Citizens) Make recommendations to the Tribal Council for future Tribal enterprises, services and policies.*

B. The Tribal Council is authorized to create a standing committee of the Tribal Council to advise and make recommendations to the Tribal Council on matters related to the above listed Constitutional economic development powers.

C. The Tribal Council is authorized to employ staff, legal counsel, and/or consultants regarding the above-listed Constitutional economic development powers.

SECTION III: CREATION OF THE COMMITTEE

A. The Tribal Council hereby creates the Economic Development Standing Committee of the Tribal Council and its membership shall consist of three (3) Tribal Council members assigned by majority vote at a regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting.

B. The Committee Chair shall be decided amongst the members of the Committee.

C. The exercising of the duties and authorities of the Committee is vested in the Committee as a whole and not with the Committee members individually.

D. The appointed Tribal Councilors shall have the official voting authority; while all Tribal Councilors are authorized to attend the Committee meetings they will not have voting authority.

1 **SECTION IV: DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE**
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3 **A.** The Committee shall develop policies, processes, and procedures to carry out its duties.
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5 **B.** The Committee shall develop a strategic plan for economic development that outlines the
6 goals and objective for the next two to five years to be presented to Tribal Council for approval.
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8 **C.** The Committee shall hold meetings as necessary to carry out its authorized functions and
9 duties and may hold executive sessions in accordance with the *Open Meetings Statute*.
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11 **D.** The Committee shall not obligate or encumber the Tribe in any manner.
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13 **E.** The Committee shall comply with approved meeting and hearing procedures which in the
14 absence shall not impede progress of the committee.
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16 **F.** The Committee shall make recommendations and advise the Tribal Council on matters
17 related to economic development; Tribal Council shall approve or disapprove the
18 recommendations of the Committee by a majority vote of Tribal Council.
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20 **G.** The Committee shall make known to the Tribal Council all economic development
21 matters brought before it.
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23 **H.** The Committee shall ensure that it maintains confidentiality involving economic
24 development matters that may involve litigation, confidential business or legal matters, or other
25 matters that raise significant privacy or confidentiality concerns.
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28 **SECTION V: AUTHORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**
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30 **A.** The Committee is authorized to hold public hearings and solicit Tribal Citizen input on
31 any and all matters within their authority and duties.
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33 **B.** The Committee is authorized to request documents and information related to economic
34 development from the Executive Branch Departments, Commission, Committee, and Boards,
35 Programs, and staff, including legal counsel and consultants.

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2 **SECTION VI: COMPENSATION**
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4 Committee members, and Tribal Council members in attendance, shall be compensated in
5 accordance with the Tribal Council's Stipend Policy for attendance at Economic Development
6 Committee meetings that are properly scheduled and posted.
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9 **SECTION VII: SAVINGS CLAUSE**
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11 In the event that any phrase, provision, part, paragraph, subsection or section of this
12 statute is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to violate the Constitution, laws, ordinances,
13 or statutes of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, such phrase, provision, part,
14 paragraph, subsection or section shall be considered to stand alone and to be deleted from this
15 statute, the entirety of the balance of the statute to remain in full and binding force and effect.
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17 **SECTION VIII: EFFECTIVE DATE**
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19 Effective upon signature of the Executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval,
20 whichever comes first, or if the Executive vetoes the legislation, then upon Tribal Council
21 override of the veto.